GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Adoption of Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of in-country and inter-country adoption of children reported including adoption by single parent and children with disabilities or special needs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and gender and age-wise;
(b) the details of the new adoption guidelines issued by the Government for simplification of adoption procedure along with its effective/notification date;
(c) whether the new adoption guidelines has made any impact in boosting adoption of children, if so, the details thereof indicating increase or decrease reported therein;
(d) whether the Government has taken note that the trafficking/illegal trade of children is booming due to cumbersome/strict procedure/rules for inter-country adoption in comparison to in-country adoption; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to further simplify the adoption procedure?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) As reported by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) the number of In-country and Inter-country adoption of children reported during the last three years, is tabulated underneath and the State/UT-wise, age-wise and category-wise (normal/ special needs) details of children placed in adoption is annexed.

S. No. Year In-country Adoptions Inter-country Adoptions
Normal Spl.
Needs Total Normal Spl. Needs Total
1 2013-14 2885 76 2961 175 240 415
2 2014-15 3240 81 3321 119 218 337
3 2015-16 2903 75 2978 330 295 625
4 2016-17
(as on 14.03.2017) 2671 44 2715 264 222 486

(b): Adoption Regulations, 2017, as provisioned in Section 68(c) of the JJ Act, 2015 have been framed by the CARA and notified by the Central Government under Section 2(3) of the Act on 4th January, 2017. These Regulations have come into effect from 16th January, 2017.

(c): The Adoption Regulations, 2017 have been in vogue w.e.f. 16th January, 2017, as such it is too early to comment on the impact of the same.

(d) & (e):Inter-country adoption procedure is in line with international norms, as India is a Signatory to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter-country Adoption, 1993 (since July, 2003). The same has been incorporated in the Adoption Regulations, 2017. The child trafficking for inter-country adoption is very unlikely due to the strict enforcement of the relevant provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Adoption Regulations, 2017.

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